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CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND
PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
DOCKET NO.

In the Matter of

STEVEN P. AMATO, D.C.

Licensed to Practice Chiropractic)
in the State of New Jersey)

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of a Report of Investigation from the Division of Consumer Affairs, Enforcement Bureau, which disclosed that in connection with the treatment rendered to a patient in 1986 who was involved in two automobile accidents on the same day and a third automobile accident one month later, Steven P. Amato, D.C., allegedly submitted separate statements of fees to the insurance carrier for each accident resulting initially in two charges for the same treatment visit and then three charges for the same visit after the third accident. Dr. Amato contends that he charged for separate billing procedures and violated no rule or regulation. The Board reviewed the entire record in this matter including information

acquired at an investigative inquiry attended by Dr. Amato together with counsel on May 2, 1991.

It appearing that the parties, without either admitting or denying the allegations, wish to resolve this matter without any finding of wrongdoing or recourse to formal proceedings, and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER , 1992,

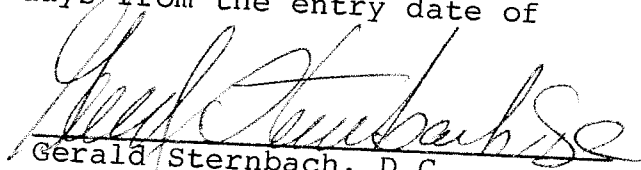
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Dr. Amato has represented that he plans to practice chiropractic in another State and therefore has offered to surrender his New Jersey license. The Board of Chiropractic Examiners accepts the voluntary surrender without prejudice, in good standing, of Dr. Amato's license to practice chiropractic in the State of New Jersey. Dr. Amato volunteers to submit his license and registration certificate to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners at 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102, and shall cease and desist any practice of chiropractic in New Jersey effective November 30, 1992. In the event Dr. Amato wishes to petition the Board for reinstatement of his license at some future date, the Board shall have the discretion to require him to furnish satisfactory evidence of current knowledge and skill in the practice of chiropractic. The entry of this Consent Order shall not be utilized as a reason or basis to bar reinstatement.

2. Dr. Amato shall make restitution in this matter in the amount of \$2,200.00 by submitting a certified check or money order made payable to Travelers Insurance Co. in the above amount and mailing it

to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners no later than the first day of the month following the entry date of this Order.

3. Dr. Amato is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00 which shall be submitted to the Board of Chiropractic Examiners by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey no later than sixty (60) days from the entry date of this Order.


Gerald Sternbach, D.C.
President
State Board of Chiropractic
Examiners

I have read and understand
the within Order and agree
to be bound by its terms.
Consent is hereby given to
the Board to enter this Order.


Steven P. Amato, D.C.